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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "A PLEA FOR PEACE" STAMPS

Commemorative stamps

1. On Tuesday, 17 September 1996, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "A Plea for Peace". The denominations will be US$ 0.32, US$ 0.60, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.10, S 7 and S 10. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 25 stamps.

(United States equivalents - Sw F 0.90: US$ 0.71, Sw F 1.10: US$ 0.87; S 7: US$ 0.64 and S 10: US$ 0.92 - subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.)

Denomination: US$ 0.32 cents
Designed by: Peng Yue (China)

Sw F 0.90
Chen Yu (China)

S 7
Du Keqing (China)

Denomination: US$ 0.60
Designed by: Cao Chenyu (China)

Sw F 1.10
Zhou Jing (China)

S 10
Xu Kangdeng (China)

2. The stamps designs are the prizewinning entries of a China Youth Design Competition held in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. The competition, whose theme was "We Love Peace", was organized jointly by the Ministry of Telecommunications and Posts, China, China Youth Philately Magazine, the Zhichang Stamp Company, the China Youth Pioneer and Development Centre, the Star Newspaper, the United Nations Philatelic Association and UNPA. Over 74,000 design entries were received within a two-month period, from 30 different provinces in China.

General information

3. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY.

4. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, first-day covers and first day of issue cancellations on Tuesday, 17 September, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at the United Nations Web server (http://www.un.org) under the "Publications and Sales" icon.